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1. The Dr.E.Benes Barracks north of Tabor (O 50/M 01), at the intersection of the roads to Prague and Pisek (N 50/Q 69), were occupied by an artillery unit until the early summer of 1951 when a tank unit from Pisek was quartered there. Prior to 3 November 1951, tanks were seen almost daily in the streets of the post. The highest number of tanks observed in one day was 12 T-34s and 4 tanks of a smaller type, about 3 meters long and 1.70 meters high, each of which had only one heavy machine gun. ☐ Soviet officers were employed as instructors in the installation. \*
2. The Jan Zizka Barracks, adjoining the Dr.E.Benes Barracks on the west, were occupied by an infantry unit.
3. During the period between 20 September and 5 October 1951, a tobacco factory southwest of the railroad station was vacated and was occupied by an infantry unit of about 1,000 men. The arrival of these additional troops at the post caused temporary shortages in the food supply of the town.
4. Another infantry unit of undetermined strength was quartered in an installation which was referred to as the Old Hospital and was located about 50 meters southeast of Kossveltovo Square on the south side of ul.Budejovicka, in the southern sector of the town.
5. On 10 October 1951, the two-story, L-shaped Na Skalec inn on the southern shore of a branch of Lake Jordan, about 1 km north of Tabor, was requisitioned by the military administration. A sentry with a submachine gun was seen at the installation.
6. The Tabor post headquarters was located in a three-story school building which was located on the west side of Masarykovo Square and had been requisitioned in July 1951. The military court was located in two three-story buildings east of the Old Hospital, on the south side of ul.Budejovicka. The SNB district headquarters was located beside the theater on the south side of ul.Prazska about 80 meters east of Zizkovo Square, in the western sector of the town. The drill ground of the military post was located on the south side of the road to Pisek west of Tabor. It included target ranges and a riding path. However, no training in riding was observed after the artillery unit was transferred to another post.

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7. Prior to mid-July 1951, a military unit was quartered in the castle south of Distebnice (O 50/L 22). No heavy weapons were seen there.

8. In the summer of 1950, the construction of an ammunition depot was begun on a new road in the woods about 2 km southwest of Drhovice (O 50/L 21). [redacted] the depot consisted of underground concrete structures. Young officers and SNB personnel were observed doing construction work there. A wide area around the depot was placed off limits. On each of three consecutive days in September 1951, two military trucks were observed driving along the road to Pisek and turning off to the new road leading to the depot. [redacted]

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[redacted] the trucks were loaded at the Balkova Lhota (O 50/L 21) railroad station under the supervision of a Russian-speaking officer from Tabor.

\* [redacted] Comment. The Dr. Jenes Barracks quartered the 1st Arty Regt Utvar No 2051 which was split up beginning in October 1950. [redacted]

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[redacted] the barracks installation would subsequently be occupied by a tank unit. This information is confirmed by the present report. Components of the 1st Inf Div have been carried in Tabor to date. As a tank and a motorized unit have been reported as being stationed in Ceske Krumlov, which is also located in the billeting area of the 1st Inf Div, it is believed that this division was reorganized or that a large-scale reshuffling of units in this area took place. [redacted]

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